

MAINE EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2006
Member Present: D. Batsie (Chairman), B. Chamberlin, P. Farrington, R. Overlock,
D. Kinney, R. Chase, C. Pilsbury (Board Member)

Note: *No quorum.*

Absent: L. Delano, S. Diaz, D. Boucher, S. Latulippe, R. Petrie, B. Zito, D.
Russell, D. Palladino, M. Barter, D. Cornelio, B. Davis, D.
Robishaw, S. Stewart-Dore, J. Wellman

Timekeeper: D. Kinney
Scribe: D. Kinney

Meeting Opened at: 1300

- 1) Introductions
 - a) Introductions all around
- 2) Review of 4/06 Minutes
 - a) **NO MOTION ON MINUTES DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM**
- 3) Staff Update
 - a) Kinney reported that MEMS Education Coordinator Position has been reposted, closing 5/19.
- 4) Old Business
 - a) PIFT Update
 - i) Batsie updated the process that has taken place so far which included:
 - (a) Curriculum reviewed by Operations Team
 - (i) Content questions were that were raised by Ops Team have temporarily stalled roll out pending MDPB review.
 - (ii) Intention is to move forward with beta test sites after MDPB meeting and further Ops team review.
 - (b) Farrington raised concerns regarding content, discussion ensued.
 - (i) Batsie reminded committee that content of curriculum is an MDPB issue, not an Education Committee issue. Recommended that all concerns be brought to MDPB in May.
 - ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS (No Quorum)**
 - iii) **ACTION:** Batsie will update progress again in June
 - b) Adult IO Training Update
 - i) Batsie updated the process that has taken place so far which included:
 - (1) Training plan presented to Operations Team and EMS Board

- (a) Ops team concerned with language regarding who can instruct adult IO program.
 - (i) Board requested humoral head site be added to training
 - 1. Batsie will follow up with MDPB and update if any change.
 - (ii) Ops Team and Board changed language to:
 - 1. "...IC or Regional Medical Director approved designee."
 - a. Noted that once an instructor has been approved by a Regional Medical Director, that instructor is approved to teach throughout the state and need not seek approval from other regions.
- (2) Centrally located (Augusta) trainings will be scheduled for July
- (3) Further training will be centered upon services who wish to purchase adult IO equipment.
 - (a) Note regions should be involved in trainings (to include hospitals and local medical control).
- ii) Discussed need to update ALS curricula to include airway changes and adult IO (among other items).
 - (1) Issue tabled until MEMS names new Education Coordinator.
- iii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

5) IPE

- a) Combined meeting of Exam and Education Committees scheduled for June. Committee members reminded to prepare IPE discussion points

6) BLS Refresher

- a) Kinney (Clarification): BLS refreshers are licensure programs and therefore must be taught by a MEMS IC and meet requirements of a licensure sponsor.
- b) Kinney noted MEMS is considering moving to the state wide licensing program. Advantages and disadvantages discussed.
 - i) Kinney noted that with this program it may be possible for provider to "roll over" unused CEH hour to their next licensure period.
 - (1) Discussion ensued
 - (2) Issue tabled until further details on program are available.
- c) Question of why students are awarded 38 hours for a 24 hour program raised.
 - i) Issue tabled for next month for lack of quorum

7) FT-220 Equivalency

- a) Chamberlin presented information on the current Maine Fire Training and Education FT-220 (Fire instructor) program. He noted that an instructor must be firefighter one and two qualified but noted there was a gray area regarding student teaching. Although most fire instructors participate in FF-1 and/or FF-2 programs, there is no guarantee that they must complete student teaching prior to obtaining their instructor certification.
- b) Discussed need amend automatic MEMS IC reciprocity based on the student teaching issue.
- c) Issue tabled due to lack of quorum

d) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**

- 8) Use of medical equipment on students (Can ALS classes practice IV's on one another)
- a) Batsie presented negative legal opinion from Region 5 and subsequent NMCC policy.
 - i) Batsie requested review by State AG prior to making a state decision on the matter.
 - b) **NO RELATED MOTIONS (No Quorum)**
 - c) **ACTION:** Batsie will follow up with Jay Bradshaw

9) New Business

- a) Accreditation
 - i) Batsie noted concern regarding recent issues surrounding course approval. Suggested the committee begin the process of reviewing how courses are approved.
 - (1) Discussion ensued:
 - (a) Should it be a one time process?
 - (b) Is there a need for QA among course sponsors?
 - (c) Is testing QA enough?
 - (2) Batsie asked for volunteers to look into how other professions accredit their training and education.
 - ii) **NO RELATED MOTIONS**
 - iii) **ACTION:**
 - (1) Chamberlin, Chase and Overlock will begin primary investigations and report back in 2-3 months.

Meeting adjourned 1455 Next Meeting Wed 6/14 0900 (due to joint exam committee session)